

Senate Resolution 75

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Phillip Jennings III; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Phillip Jennings III, a 1979 graduate of East Georgia College, is owner and
3 president of the state's largest producer of certified turfgrasses and the world's largest
4 exporter of turfgrass with markets in 30 different nations around the globe; and

5 WHEREAS, Phillip Jennings Turf Farms began in 1998 with only 150 acres of turfgrass and
6 a staff of five employees, but has since added farms in Treutlen, Emanuel, Washington, and
7 Toombs Counties, growing to the size of 3,500 acres and becoming the largest employer in
8 Treutlen County; and

9 WHEREAS, Jennings Turf produces 18 varieties of quality grass for golf courses, athletic
10 fields, businesses, and residential landscaping, is the exclusive sod supplier for Home Depot
11 and Pike Family Nurseries in the Southeastern United States, and was the proud supplier for
12 Super Bowl XXXIX and Super Bowl XLI; and

13 WHEREAS, the company is a national leader in agricultural research, as it has worked with
14 the University of Georgia to grow a number of "Sea Isle" grasses engineered for saltwater
15 environments and has recently signed an agreement with Mississippi State University
16 concerning patents on grass grown in a medium without soil; and

17 WHEREAS, in less than ten years, Jennings Turf has become an impressive force of
18 prosperity for the State of Georgia through its dedication to a quality product, improved
19 agricultural techniques, and sustained commitment to the employees within its care.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize and commend Phillip Jennings III for his outstanding performance in turfgrass
22 industry and for his significant contributions to the State of Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phillip Jennings III.